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SUBJECT: CASE OF CHEN MING-CHUNG

REF: STATE 024618

1. MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS FIRST SECTION CHIEF Y. C. CHEN CALLED EMBOFF TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MARCH 24TH ON THE CASE OF CHEN MING-CHUNG. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY OF FEBRUARY 8 (PROMPTED BY REFTTEL), MOFA HAD ASSEMBLED RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CASE. Y. C. CHEN DELIVERED THESE RESPONSES ORALLY. HE FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO A SHEAF OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE HIM WHICH HE OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED EMBOFF TO SEE.

2. REGARDING CHEN MING-CHUNG'S ACCESS TO FAMILY AND ATTORNEY, MOFA OFFICER SAID HE HAS NOT BEEN DENIED VISITATION RIGHTS AND THAT HE HAS IN FACT BEEN VISITED A TOTAL OF 23 TIMES FROM DECEMBER 1976 TO MARCH 3, 1977. THESE VISITS INCLUDED ONES FROM HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER, BROTHER, SISTER, AND ATTORNEY.

3. REGARDING THE "LEGAL PAPERS" RELATING TO HIS CASE, MOFA SAID THAT HE HAS HAD ACCESS TO AND HAS SIGNED THE CHARGES DOCUMENT (CHI SU SHU, 6386/6083/2579), THE DEFENDANTS DOCUMENTS (PIEN HU SHU, 6589/6233/2579), AND THE JUDGMENT PAPERS (PAN CHUEH SHU, 0445/0414/2579).

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4. REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE-INDUCED PARALYSIS OF HIS HANDS, Y. C. CHEN SAID THAT CHEN MING-CHUNG'S HANDS ARE NORMAL AND SHOWED EMBASSY OFFICER PHOTO DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1977 WHICH PURPORTED TO SHOW CHEN MING-CHUNG PLAYING BASKETBALL, SMOKING, AND TALKING WITH HIS WIFE, WITH NO APPARENT EVIDENCE OF INJURED HANDS.

5. REGARDING THE ALLEGED DENIAL OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A DETERIORATING HEART CONDITION, Y. C. CHEN SAID THAT CHEN MING-CHUNG HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL DOCTORS AND THAT HIS HEART CONDITION, WHICH WAS NOT SERIOUS, HAD BEEN TREATED APPROPRIATELY. (COMMENT: DOCUMENT WHICH THE EMBOFF GLIMPSED INDICATED THAT CHEN MING-CHUNG HAD BEEN EXAMINED IN OCTOBER 1976 AND ON MARCH 4, 1977.)

6. REGARDING THE STATUS OF FIVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE SAME CASE, Y. C. CHEN SAID THE LIANG LIANG-CHI AND SU FUNG-CHUNG WERE BOTH SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT BUT THAT THEY WERE STILL AT LARGE. TSAI KUO-CHU AND WANG TSE-KWEI HAVE NOT BEEN QUESTIONED BY ROC AUTHORITIES AND ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE CHEN MING-CHUNG CASE. THERE IS NO RECORD OF WANG CHIN-CHU.

7. MOFA INFORMED US THAT THE RESULTS OF ITS INQUIRY INTO THE CHEN MING-CHUNG CASE WHICH THEY WERE PASSING TO THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO THE ROC EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON.  
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